



Salt Spring Island/Mayne Island Branches THE GIFT EXCHANGE

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Smile Card Program

A few months ago, the Anglican Outreach Chairperson told us of the success they had enjoyed raising funds with Thrifty Smile Cards for the Soup's On Luncheon Program. They suggested we apply for Smile Cards and distribute them on Salt Spring and elsewhere.

Our Application was accepted by Lynanne Smith of Thrifty Foods and Mike Boizard SSI Store Manager. We have been issued 100 Smile Cards. Nancy Wigen has taken responsibility for 50 of these Cards, and she would like to hear from any Thrifty Foods shopper who would be willing to make the Human Exchange Houses on SSI the beneficiary of the 5% of each total purchase that goes to a Charity if the buyer has a Smile Card. All one does is load the card with the amount that will approximately cover the purchases of the day. If the total comes to less, the balance remains on the card until next shopping day; if more, one pays the extra.

If you would be willing to help us raise funds this way for the people in our Houses, please contact Nancy at 537-1041.

Greetings from Saltspring's Bittancourt House ~

Well we're plugging away on this side of the pond. Our Thanksgiving was quiet but tasty with the donation of 2 chickens from Thrifty Foods and VHES.who in the person of Macie provided organic sweet potatoes and yams, yummy! We recently received donations of household linens and kitchen utensils from Betty Pinchin and Irene Currie, (Lady Minto Ladies Auxillary;) as well as a regular donation of fresh fruit and veggies from Natureworks Natural Foods through Cherie Gevereaux (Peace Works) who kindly delivers these to us, all of this helping to enhance our comfort and lives at Bittancourt Manor. On Oct. 22nd our carpets throughout the house, including the bedrooms, were cleaned by Lorne Bascom (Gulf Islands Carpet & Upholstery Care) at a discounted rate; now not only do the floors look clean but the whole house smells wonderful! We gratefully acknowledge all donations we receive.

Thank you, with love, Marilyn M, Facilitator.

Christmas Gifting

Christmas is coming and so we are asking you to consider donating some of the following items as gifts for those sheltering in our Houses at that festive time.



Much appreciated would be:

Phone Cards

Vouchers for different stores: food/clothing/footwear/art & music supplies, Games/CDs/DVDs

... or whatever you feel will make Christmas brighter for those less materially fortunate.

THANK YOUs FROM THE GULF ISLANDS

Our sincere thanks to:

Thrifty Foods for cheques from their recent Community Chest in-store program and from the Smile Card program. Thanks to all those **Thrifty Food shoppers** who have taken Smile Cards. Thanks to **Mike B.**, store manager for gifts of chickens for Thanksgiving.

Lorne B of Gulf Island Carpet and Upholstery for generous gift to Bittancourt Manor.

April W. of the **Salt Spring Foundation** for presenting our request for funds to the Directors. We are most grateful for the Grant presented to us on November 15th in a public ceremony at ArtSpring.

Irene C. for further gifts of blankets, linen and household goods, apples, Christmas note paper and cards, teaspoons and for GVM tapes. **Cherie of Copper Kettle** for food, blankets and other gifts.

Financial Gifts: Nancy W. and others at the **Anglican Church Outreach** for encouragement to begin the **Thrifty Foods Smile Card** program which they have found so successful in raising funds for Soup's On.

All Saints by the Sea Anglican Church Outreach for further Donation in lieu of involvement in Smile Card program (which they use for Soup's On fundraising.) **Margaret B** and **Mark S** for monthly support.

Margaret B for bags of gifts taken to the women's house by **Nirmal D.** Thank you Nirmal—we are sorry you had trouble with our driveway!!

Macie P. for advocacy and generous service for persons facing housing challenges.

Imagen for continued free Internet Access.

Palu and David for being willing to transport new person seeking housing.

Marilyn M. for generously using her energy to facilitate changes for the better at the Women's House. All those who assisted her in this task including the **volunteer fireman** who checked the extinguishers and smoke detectors--and donated more alarms.

Vaughan F. who assisted with the winterizing of the 100 yr. old uninsulated Women's house.

All whose names we have missed but who have 'shared life's gifts'. **We thank you!**

MAYNE ISLAND BRANCH.

Marian M. for women's clothes kindly delivered. **Patricia V.** for items left over from her garage sale.

John and Claire R. for twin beds, bedding in excellent condition and the offer of other furniture.

Don and Nina T. for many household items and foods donated when they left the Island. Son **Graham T** and friend **Fred** for delivering these useful gifts.

Colleen F. at ALEA for printing bookmarks that took much more time than we were billed for!

Mrs. M. for men's clothing and footwear much appreciated. **Denis S.** for very warm jacket.

Dawne C for always being ready to pick up donations on Mayne Island. **Errol F.** for warm jackets/ footwear.

Financial donations from :Lazlo B ; Yvette B; Mona M. and Daphne B. .

Lina B. for Society Accounting and help with dealing with Rev. Can.

Joanna W., and the **Mayne Isl. Thrift Store** for further bags of linens and towels.

Joyce K. for regular gifts of produce; meat and much thoughtfulness. .

Yvette for assisting Linda at Edith Gulland House and readiness to help people on Mayne island.

*All who have dropped off goods anonymously or whom we missed. **We thank you all.***

In the Gulf Islands, monetary gifts (with memo re usage)
may be mailed to:

VHES Box 8534, Victoria BC, V8W 3S1

Email: grandmas@saltspring.com

Outside Victoria Society pager: **1-800-691-9366**

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